GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3569
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VACANT POSTS OF AMBASSADORS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian ambassadors posted in different countries as on date, category-wise;

(b) the details thereof, country-wise;

(c) the number of posts of ambassadors lying vacant and the date since when these posts are lying vacant and the time by which these posts are likely to be filled up; and

(d) the number of persons appointed ambassadors from among the Indian Foreign Service Cadre and Indian Administrative Service Cadre and the number of those drawn from private sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI U V KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a&b)A total of 105 Ambassadors/High Commissioners are posted in Indian Missions abroad, as of date. The details, category-wise & country-wise, are enclosed at Annexure I
(c) A total of 8 posts of Ambassadors/High Commissioners are presently lying vacant in Indian Missions abroad. A list is enclosed at Annexure II. The process is underway for selection & appointment of suitable Ambassadors/High Cornmissioners to these countries.

(d) A total of 98 persons from among the Indian Foreign Service Cadre & nil from the Indian Administrative Service Cadre have been appointed as Ambassadors/High Commissioners in Indian Missions abroad, as of date.A total of 7, of which one has been re-employed from the Indian Foreign Service Cadres are non-carrer Head of Mission.

LIST OF INDIAN AMBASSADORS / H[GH COMMISSIONERS POSTED IN INDIAN MISSIONS ABROAD

S.No.	Country	Name of Ambassador/ High Commissioner	Category
1.	Algeria	M.K.Sachdev	UR
2.	Argentina	Nigam Prakash	UR
3.	Armenia	Bal Anand	SC
4.	Australia	R.S.Rathore	UR
5.	Austria	T.P.Srinivasan	UR
I 6.	Azerbaijan	Dinkar Khullar	UR
7	Bahrain	S.S.Gill	UR
8.	Bangladesh	M.L.Tripathi	UR
9.	Belgium	P.K.Singh	UR
10.	Bhutan	K.S.Jasrotia	UR
11.	Botswana	Rajeet Mitter	UR
12.	Brazil	M.P.M.Menon	UR
13.	Brunei Darusalam	D.K.Jain	UR
14.	Bulgaria	Nilima Mitra (Smt)	UR

15.	Canada	Rajanikanta Verma	UR
16.	Czech Republic	S.Jaishankar	UR
17.	China	Shiv Shankar Menon	UR
18.	Colombia	H.K.Singh	UR
19.	Croatia	Udai Singh	SC
20.	Cuba	R.Rajagopalan	UR
21.	Cyprus	S.Cowsik (Smt)	UR
22.	Denmark	Shashank	UR
23.	Ethiopia	K.P.Ernest	UR
24.	Fiji	Prof. I.S. Chauhan	Non-career
25.	Finland	C.R. Balachandra	SC
26.	France	K.Sibal	UR
27.	Germany	R.Sen	UR
28.	Ghana	A.K.Banerjee	UR
29.	Greece	G.S.Bedi	UR
30.	Guyana	Dr.P V Joshi	UR
31.	Hugary	Lakshmi M.Puri (Smt)	UR
32.	Indonesia	M.Venkataraman	UR
33.	Iran	P.S.Haer	UR
34.	Iraq	R. Dayakar	UR
35.	Israel	Ranjan Mathai	UR
36.	Italy	Siddarth Singh	UR
37.	Ivory Coast	Neelam Deo (Smt)	UR
38.	Jamaica	O.P.Gupta	UR
39.	Japan	Aftab Seth	UR
40.	Jordan	H.C.S.Dhody	UR
41.	Kazakhstan	Dr.S.R.Hashim	Non-career
42.	Kenya	R.K.Bhatia	UR
43.	Korea (North)	B.K.Gogoi	UR
44.	Korea (South)	Santosh Kumar	UR
45.	Kuwait	Prabhu Dayal	UR
46.	Kyrghystan	Om Prakash	UR
47.	Laos	Lavanya Prasad (Smt)	UR
48.	Lebanon	Ajai Choudhry	UR
49.	Libya	A. Ramesh	UR
50.	Madagascar	Abasar Beuria	UR
51.	Malaysia	Veena Sikri (Smt)	UR
52.	Mauritus	Vijay Kumar	SC
53.	Mexico	G.S.lyer	UR
54.	Mongolia	Karma Topden	Non career
55.	Morocco	I.S.Rathore	UR
56.	Mozambique	A.C.Gupta	UR
57.	Mvanmar	Shyam Saran	UR
58.	Namibia	Lal Dingliana	ST
59.	Nepal	Deb Mukharji	UR
60.	Netherlands	Prabhakar Menon	UR
61.	New Zeeland	S.Kipgen	ST
62.	Nigeria	Atish Sinha	UR
63.	Norway	Nirupam Sen	UR
64.	Oman	S.J.Singh	UR
65.	Pakistan	V.K.Nambiar	UR
66.	Panama	Tara Singh	SC
67.	Papua New Guinea	Basant Gupta	UR
68.	Peru	Butshikan Singh	SC
69.	Philippines	S.K.Uppal	UR
70.	Poland	R.L.Narayanan	UR
71.	Portugal	Madhu Bhaduri (Smt)	UR
72.	Romania	Rajiv Dogra	UR
73	Russian Fed	S.K.Lambah	UR
74.	Saudi Arabia	Talmiz Ahmed	UR
75.	Senegal	Jawahar Lal	SC
76.	Seychelles	R. O .Wallang	ST
77.	Singapore	P.P.Shukla	UR
78.	Slovak Republic	U.C.Baro	ST
79.	South Africa	S.S.Mukherjee	UR
80.	Spain	Dilip Lahiri	UR
81.	Sri Lanka	G.K.Gandhi	Non career

82.	Sudan	L.T.Muana	ST	
83.	Suriname	Kamla Sinha (Smt)	Non career	
84.	Sweden	Chitra Narayanan (Smt)	SC	
85.	Switzerland	N.N.Desai	UR	
86.	Syria	K.M.Meena	ST	
87.	Tajikistan	Yogendra Kumar	UR	
88.	Tanzania	Virendra Gupta	UR	
89.	Thailand	R.K.Rai	UR	
90.	Trinidad & Tobago	Prof. P.K.Dass	Non career	
91.	Tunisia	Ram Mohan	UR	
92.	Turkey	M. K. Bhadrakumar I	UR	
93.	Turkmenistan	Dr.George Joseph	UR	
94.	U.K.	Nareshwar Dayal	Non career	
95.	U.S.A.	Lalit Mansingh	UR	
96.	Uganda	B.S.Prakash	UR	
97.	Ukraine	V.B.Soni	SC	
98.	United Arab Emirates	K.C.Singh	UR	
99.	Uzbekistan	B.K.Mitra	UR	
100.	Venezuela	R.Viswanathan	UR	
101.	Vietnam	Saurabh Kumar	UR	
102.	Yemen	M.S.Suman	SC	
103.	Yugoslavia	Arun Kumar	UR	
104.	Zambia	A.K.Attri	SC	
105.	Zimbabwe	A. K. Basu	SC	

UR: UN RESERVED
SC: SCHEDULED CASTE
ST: SCHEDULED TRIBE

ANNEXURE - II

LIST OF MISSIONS ABROAD WITHOUT HEADS OF MISSIONS
AS ON 16.03.2001

S.No.	COUNTRY	STATION	DESIGNATION	VACANT SINCE
1.	Angola	Luanda	Ambassador	30.11.00
2.	Belarus	Minsk	Ambassador	20.10.00
3.	Cambodia	Phnom Penh	Ambassador	25.01.01
4.	Chile	Santiago	Ambassador	30.12.00
5.	Egypt	Cairo	Ambassador	24.11.00
6.	Ireland	Dublin	Ambassador	12.02.01
7	Qatar	Doha	Ambassador	02.11.00
8.	Maldives	Male	High Commissioner	18.10.00